

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, November 10, 2009, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hitchcock, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, and Mayor Hansen

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Receive Operational/Financial Report for the Parks and Recreation Department (PR)

City Manager King provided a brief introduction to the subject matter of the Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report for 2008-2009.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Jim Rodems provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Annual 2008-2009 Report for Parks and Recreation Department. Specific topics of discussion included a department overview, special revenue department, final budget numbers for income and expenditures, program areas, Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) and after-school services, specialty classes, aquatics, registration fees, Hutchins Street Square pool operations, youth and teen sports, Boosters of Boys/Girls Sports (BOBS) Organization programs, attendance figures, park rentals, Lodi Lake, adult sports, goals for Recreation, division challenges, Parks Division tasks, budget, staff allocation, costs per acre, maintenance zones for parks, partnerships with other agencies, Parks challenges for 2009-2010, goals for Parks, and Recreation Commission accomplishments.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated the boat rentals continue to increase but staff is working on revamping use hours to allow for usage after 5:30 p.m.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated adult sports are self-sustaining and the goal would be to make them revenue generating.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Rodems stated the joint use agreement is an old document with numerous amendments and the biggest challenge is equitable access for the City with respect to space, specifically use of multi-purpose rooms and restrooms. Mr. Rodems stated it mostly affects after-school programs.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated the City uses the two LUSD pools for aquatics programs and it is a necessity for the City's programs.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated LUSD hires the City as a contractor to run the after-school Bridge program and LUSD receives the grant directly.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated the relationships with the City staff and LUSD staff pertaining to the after-school program are amicable.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated that, based on school district representations,

it is staff's understanding that the federal grant for after-school will continue and there is no connection with the Boys and Girls Club.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated a certain number of maintenance hours would be required in conjunction with an Adopt-A-Park program. Mr. Rodems stated there is some general interest from community groups to adopt parks and staff continues to move forward on the program in an effort to start it in the spring after the maintenance standards program is in place.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated 14 out of 28 parks have the Maxicom automated irrigation system currently.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Rodems provided an overview of the previous three-tier rate structure for residents, non-residents, and LUSD students and the current two-tier system of resident and non-resident.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Rodems stated he will forward to Council the comparison numbers for program participation over the last few years.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated staff is looking at options for music or arts programs that the school district is dropping and that the City may be able to accommodate into its program structure.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated staff will do a review of fees and compare them to surrounding communities and bring to Council a readjusted fee schedule in late winter.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated the participation trends should stay the same for some time in light of the economy.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Rodems stated the BOBS and school district have not reduced their rental of facilities indicating some funds continue to be expended on programs.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk